



# Minutes of the Finance Committee starting at 10.45 am on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Buxford Hall, Great Chart Playing Fields

**Present:** Cllrs Darvill (Chair), P Barker and Wiffen  
Aniko Szocs (Clerk)

Meeting started at 10:55. am

## 1. Apologies

The committee received and approved apologies from Cllr Paul Tate

<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr P Barker	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Wiffen	<b>Vote for:</b> 3
<b>Vote against:</b> 0	<b>Vote abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion:</b> Carried

## 2. Declarations of Interest

**2.1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** – None

**2.2. Other Significant Interests** –None

**2.3. Other Interests** – None

## 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were duly approved as a true record.

<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr Wiffen	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr P Barker	<b>Vote for:</b> 3
<b>Vote against:</b> 0	<b>Vote abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion:</b> Carried

## 4. Grant Application

No grant applications were submitted for consideration.

## 5. Finance

### 5.1. 2025-2026

The committee received an overview report from the Clerk on the Income and expenditure up to 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2026. The total income received is £405,041 and the total expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2026 £282,775, leaving the council with a surplus of £119,266 year to date. The council is currently operating within the budget. The income received so far is £402,041 that is made up of:

- **Precept:** £391,235
- **Interest received:** £8,461
- **Other Income:** £2,346

Reserves are maintained to fund several larger projects in the coming financial year, including improvements in Cuckoo Park and the car parks in Great Chart Playing Fields and Singleton Village Hall. The council remains in a strong financial position with all budget lines on track.

### 5.2. Internal Audit

The Clerk informed the committee that contact has been made with the internal auditor and a date in May has been set for the audit to take place.

## 6. Date and Venue of next meeting

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 starting at 09:30 am at Great Chart Playing Fields, Buxford Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm

Signed by:

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_